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SUBJ: ARCE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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1. SINCE SENDING REFTEL, THERE HAS BEEN NO OPPORTUNITY TO DISUCSS ARCE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WITH MFA UNDERSECRETARY BOULBOUL. HOWEVER, DURING A RELAXED MEETING WITH FAHMY THIS MORNING, I MENTIONED THE ARCE PROBLEMS. I POINTED OUT THAT WHILE THE BASIC AGREEMENT CAN CONTINUE TO BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BOULBOUL AND FORMAN, THERE IS URGENCY IN GETTING APPROVAL FOR THE EIGHT FY-1974-75 FELLOWS AND ANOTHER EIGHT, WHOSE NAMES ARE EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED SHORTLY FOLLOWING FINALIZATION OF THE ARCE-SMITHSONIAN CONTRACT. DID HE HAVE ANY VIEWS ON HOW WE MIGHT BEST EXPEDITE THE PROCESS?

2. FAHMY HAD NOT HEARD OF THE STATUS OF THE ARCE DISUCSSIONS(BOULBOUL IS NOT PART OF THE INNER CIRCLE). FAHMY SUGGESTED THAT I GIVE HIM A SHORT MEMORANDUM ON THE NEED FOR EXPEDITIOUS APPROVAL OF THE FY-74-75 FELLOWS. HE WOULD THEN SEEK AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL APPROVAL.

3. HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DORMAN TO TELL HIM ABOUT ABOVE AND TO ASK THAT HE DRAFT FOR ME A SHORT MEMORANDUM WHICH I CAN GIVE TO FAHMY AFTER MY RETURN FROM ALEXANDRIA.
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DORMAN WAS APPRECIATIVE AND UNDERTOOK TO DO SO. DORMAN

SUGGESTED WHOLE MATTER OF THE AGREEMENT MIGHT BE SUBMITTED BY FAHMY TO THE PRESIDENT, BUT I TOLD HIM I COULD NOT AGREE TO THUS BURDENING FAHMY AND THE PRESIDENT. I SUGGESTED HE CONTINUE TALKS WITH BOULBOUL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN WORKED OUT. ONCE THE FY-74-75 FELLOWS ARE APPROVED, THERE WOULD BE TIME TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. IN CONNECTION WITH FY-74-75 ARCE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING STATUS ARCE-SMITHSONIAN CONTRACT. IT IS CLEARLY DESIRABLE THAT THE EIGHT ADDITIONAL FELLOWS, WHO I UNDERSTAND ARE PART OF THAT CONTRACT, BE INCLUDED IN THE SAME MEMORANDUM.
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